

the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 26, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the Permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 171.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 193

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 705

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1212

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions on Thursday, March 25, 1999:

H.R. 774, To amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the Women's Business Center program;

H.R. 808, To extend for 6 additional months the period for which Chapter 12 of Title 11, United States Code, is reenacted;

H.J. Res. 26, Providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution;

H.J. Res. 27, Providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as a

citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution;

H.J. Res. 28, Providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr., as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

S. 643, To authorize the Airport Improvement program for 2 months, and for other purposes;

And Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, March 31, 1999:

H.R. 171, To authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes;

H.R. 193, To designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 705, To make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives; and

H.R. 1212, To protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a crop revenue coverage plus supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, the Chair announces his appointment of the following Member of the House to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission:

Mr. BLUNT of Missouri.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the Chair announces his appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy:

Mr. YOUNG, Florida; and

Mr. HEFLEY, Colorado.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), the Chair announces his appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mrs. JOHNSON, Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1295(h), the Chair announces his ap-

pointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

Mr. KING, New York.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Chair announces his appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. TAYLOR, North Carolina; and

Mrs. KELLY, New York.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), the Chair announces his appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy:

Mr. SKEEN, New Mexico;

Mr. GILCHREST, Maryland;

Mr. TANNER, Tennessee; and

Mr. HOYER, Maryland.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, April 12, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (section 803, title 2, United States Code) I herewith appoint the following named persons to the Congressional Award National Board of Directors:

Representative Carlos A. Romero-Barceló of Puerto Rico,
Dolores M. Beilenson of California,
Timothy J. Keating of Pennsylvania,
Robert J. Kelley of Missouri.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT,
Democratic Leader.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 25, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Last week I was appointed to the Committee on Government Reform. As a result of this appointment, I hereby resign as a member of the Committee on Small Business.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM DAVID M. DELQUADRO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION DIVISION, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from David M. Delquadro, Assistant Director, Administration and Information Division, Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 30, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that I received a subpoena for documents and testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. DELQUADRO,
Assistant Director, Administration
and Information Division.

CHINESE ESPIONAGE JEOPARDIZES SECURITY OF AMERICA AND ITS CITIZENS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the security of America and its citizens has been seriously jeopardized because of the nuclear weapons and missile transfer of technology to China. The American people deserve to know just how our Nation's goose has been cooked.

Newsweek recently reported that our top nuclear weapons expert practically fainted when briefed by CIA analysts on the preliminary damage assessment from Chinese espionage.

Additionally, I think the American people will also feel faint when they learn that the investigating officials believe that the Chinese spying, even into our most serious secret weapons programs, is described as almost total.

Mr. Speaker, nuclear warhead technology might be hard for most to conceive, but the fact that China could conceivably have the power to kill as many as seven million Americans with one missile is something that I think everyone can visualize.

This Chinese espionage has gone on far too long. I urge the Security Council to release the Cox report because this administration needs to stand up

and take responsibility for release of this Top Secret technology, and the American people deserve to fully know what kind of mess we are actually in.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back any secrets we may have.

KOSOVO IS ONE BIG WAR CRIME

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, rape, murder, torture. Kosovo is one big war crime. I say it is time to indict Slobodan Milosevic for his war crimes. I say it is time to arm the opposition forces in Kosovo so they can defend themselves. I say it is time for Europe, yes, Europe, to send in ground troops to help.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, Milosevic has lost all moral and legal authority to rule Kosovo. It is time to support and recognize independence for Kosovo.

Members of Congress, we can pay now or Congress and the world can pay much, much more later.

I yield back all of the crimes of Slobodan Milosevic.

MICROCREDIT LENDING

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about a wonderful program which is transforming the lives of millions of poor families around the world. I am referring to microcredit lending.

Microcredit involves giving small, low-interest, start-up loans to poor but hard-working, aspiring entrepreneurs so that they can start their thriving small businesses known as microenterprises. It is a program which has demonstrated the potential to help the poorest family emerge from poverty and, by extension, to help create a more inclusive global economy. Results in Miami under the leadership of Gail Newman, Kathleen Gordon, and many other volunteers has helped dozens become entrepreneurs.

Microcredit works locally and it can work globally, as well. It is not a hand-out. It is an opportunity, an investment, an exercise in responsibility and accountability. In developing countries, the rate of repayment to these established programs range from 95 to 99 percent.

Foreign assistance used under the microcredit program is loaned and paid back with interest and is recycled and used for new loans, thus reaching an even greater percentage of the world's poor.

Microcredit is empowerment. It is a tool which builds upon the human spirit. It is the U.S. helping others to help

themselves. Microcredit is action in support of our humanitarian instincts and objectives.

I support this program, and when the bill comes to the floor, H.R. 1143, I ask that my colleagues give their strong support. I know that results in Miami works, and it works internationally, as well.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 6:30 p.m. today.

OTAY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS
ACT OF 1999

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 15) to designate a portion of the Otoy Mountain region of California as wilderness.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 15

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Otoy Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds and declares the following:

(1) The public lands within the Otoy Mountain region of California are one of the last remaining pristine locations in western San Diego County, California.

(2) This rugged mountain adjacent to the United States-Mexico border is internationally known for its diversity of unique and sensitive plants.

(3) This area plays a critical role in San Diego's multi-species conservation plan, a national model made for maintaining biodiversity.

(4) Due to its proximity to the international border, this area is the focus of important law enforcement and border interdiction efforts necessary to curtail illegal immigration and protect the area's wilderness values.

(5) The illegal immigration traffic, combined with the rugged topography, also presents unique fire management challenges for protecting lives and resources.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION.

In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain public lands in the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management, California, comprising approximately 18,500 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Otoy Mountain Wilderness" and dated May 7, 1998, are hereby designated as wilderness and therefore as a component of the National